

ROTATIONAL SPECTRA, HYPERFINE STRUCTURE, AND NUCLEAR MAGNETIC SHIELDING TENSORS OF $^{33}\text{SO}_2$ AND SO^{17}O

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Precise frequencies for the $1_{11} - 2_{02}$ transition of $^{33}\text{SO}_2$ and SO^{17}O in natural isotopic abundance have been obtained by microwave Fourier transform spectroscopy to yield improved hyperfine constants. Nuclear spin-rotation coupling constants have been determined for $^{33}\text{SO}_2$ for the first time. The same transition was also recorded for $^{32}\text{SO}_2$, $^{34}\text{SO}_2$, SO^{18}O , and vibrationally excited ($v_2 = 1$) $^{32}\text{SO}_2$, in part to allow for a comparison with previously published precise data.

SO_2 is an important interstellar molecule. Continuing our investigations of the rotational spectra of isotopomers of SO_2 ,^{a,b} selected SO^{17}O transitions have been studied in the submillimeter wave region in order to improve and newly determine rotational and centrifugal distortion constants. At present, these measurements cover 540 – 840 GHz with J and K_a up to 63 and 16, respectively. For $^{33}\text{SO}_2$, some transitions with large hyperfine splitting were recorded in the millimeter wave region.

The spin-rotation constants have been used to derive nuclear magnetic shielding parameters which were compared with NMR shifts, data from quantum chemical calculations, and results for the isoelectronic O_3 molecule.

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